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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
CROMER ET AL.

Serial No.: **09/281,852**

Filed: **31 MARCH 1999**

Title: **DATA PROCESSING
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
MAINTAINING SECURE DATA
BLOCKS**

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Attorney Docket No.: **RP9-99-048**

Examiner: **LEE, C.**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time. Please charge the appropriate non-small-entity fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) of \$110.00 to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0563**.

Respectfully submitted,

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